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TAGS: SHUM, PFOR, CGEN, BU (MAREVA, RUMYANA AND YORDANKA)

SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILIES CASE: RUMYANA AND YORDANKA  
MAREVA

REF: SOFIA 1901 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS THAT EMBASSY SHOULD NOT PURSUE THIS CASE FURTHER UNTIL MAREVS HAVE SOMEHOW RESOLVED INTRA-FAMILIAL DISPUTE, AND UNTIL APPROPRIATE NEW FORMS HAVE BEEN FILED WITH GOB. EMBASSY'S SUSPICION REGARDING ZHELEZOV'S DESIRE TO EMIGRATE TO US SEEMS WELL FOUNDED IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS CASE.

2. COUNTRY DESK OFFICER MET WITH MAREVS SEPTEMBER 8 AND DISCUSSE1 SITUATION WITH THEM - INCLUDING EMBASSY'S COMMENT RE ZHELEZOV'S STATUS AS GUARDIAN AND POSSIBLE DESIRE TO LEAVE BULGARIA. MAREVS DECIDED TO TELEPHONE MRS. MAREVA'S BROTHER OR, IF THAT FAILED, TO WRITE HIM; THEY WOULD SAY SIMPLY THAT THEY WILL SUBMIT NEW FORMS FOR THE CHILDREN ONLY, AND THAT ZHELEZOV CAN HELP THEM AND THE CHILDREN IF HE IS WILLING. DESK OFFICER REMINDED  
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THEM THAT WE CANNOT PURSUE THE CASE UNTIL ZHELEZOV FILES

APPROPRIATE FORMS WITH GOB. MAREVS INDICATED NO DESIRE TO HELP HER BROTHER AND HIS FAMILY COME TO THE US, COMMENTING

THAT THEY DID NOT EVEN LIKE HIM AND HIS FAMILY, AND MR. MAREV INSISTED THAT HE COULD NOT POSSIBLY SUPPORT ALL OF THEM. MRS. MAREVA WAS TO LEAVE FOR CHICAGO SEPTEMBER 8 TO PREPARE THE NEW AFFIDAVIT FOR THE CHILDREN, AND PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED OF THEIR PROGRESS. MR. MAREV PLANS TO CONTINUE HIS VIGIL OUTSIDE DIPLOMATIC ENTRANCE FOR ANOTHER MONTH, AT LEAST.

3. COMMENT: DESK OFFICER AGREES THAT SOME DEGREE OF INTRA-FAMILIAL ANIMOSITY IS COMPLICATING THIS CASE AND THAT USG CAN DO LITTLE UNTIL IT IS RESOLVED. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS LIKELY, BASED ON DIFFERING VERSIONS OF STORY, THAT GOB FUNCTIONARIES (PERHAPS BY PRESSURING ZHELEZOV AND INTERFERING WITH MAIL) CAN CLAIM PART OF THE CREDIT FOR THIS SITUATION. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MAREVS APPARENTLY ATTEMPTED TO GET CHILDREN OUT OF BULGARIA BY OTHER MEANS AND ZHELEZOV REFUSED TO COOPERATE- PROBABLY OUT OF FEAR OF GOVERNMENT REPRISAL AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, THIS RAISES DANGER THAT THEY MAY TRY AGAIN IF FRUSTRATED IN THIS CURRENT CAMPAIGN. KISSINGER

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